

County of San Diego Sweetwater Community Planning Group
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY September 7, 2010 7:00PM
Bonita-Sunnyside Fire Station 4900 Bonita Road, Bonita, CA 91902

Administrative Items

Roll: Don and Georjean Jensen, John and Harriet Taylor, Steve and Liz Stonehouse, Rick Blacklock, Don Scovel, Doc Stokos, Uwe Werner, Sheri Todus, Mark Kukuchek.

Absent: Muriel Watson. Excused: Alan Sachrison

Item #1: Minutes. Minutes accepted by motion from Georjean, seconded by Doc. Mark abstained.

Item #2: Opportunity for members of the public to speak to Planning Group on any subject within Planning Group's purview but not on agenda. Presentations limited to three minutes. No action can be taken, but items can be added to future agendas:

Martha from San Diego Electric Signs had some signage that she wanted approved. She showed a picture and discussed the type of signage. It was agreed to place this matter on a future agenda.

Tom Pocklington gave a short discussion about the Bonita Museum current Gold show and how they are looking for students who need to fulfill their Community Service points. All are welcome to check this out.

Item #3: Report from Michael De La Rosa from Supervisor Cox's office. Proctor Valley Road closure is on the docket about September 29th. If it passes, then staff can get going with the foreclosure necessary work to seek funding. There is a need to get money for the improvements which are grant eligible (the gates).

Parks are not really interested in trails, they are more interested in using any funds to benefit the parks with items such as playground equipment.

In answer to the meeting about the traffic on San Miguel Road, there was a meeting between Bill Turpin, Caltrans, Sandag, and SBX, along with representatives of Supervisor Cox, Mayor Cox and Sheri Todus from the Planning Group. It turns out that the revenue gathering is in SBX's contract and they do not expect to change what they do to accommodate anyone except themselves. They want their revenue indemnified before they will make any changes, so that seems to be a dead end. The idea of making San Miguel Road a one way is not going to work. But the stop sign at Conduit might be useful, because of the proposed pathway on the South side of the street.

There was discussion about a horse trail gate near Uwe's house which was supposed to be opened, but for some reason was not.

The house on San Miguel Road with no roof still has a motor home on it. The address was 5902. The mobile home seems to be permanent dwelling and it cannot be determined if it is permitted.

Action Items:

Item #4: Report from Mark Kukuchek on the PLDO.

Park land Dedication Ordinance (PLDO) funds Sweetwater Community Planning Group recommendations and priorities for PLDO funds for 2010-2011

Priority as recommended by Sweetwater Community Planning Group.

1. Remove the padlock and chains from the horse gates and open the trail for the short section of trail on County water authority property between Jonel Way and the Bonita Meadows entrance gate. A step up is also needed to the horse gate at Jonel way.
2. Addition of Lodge pole fencing to protect the Stephanie Rossi Trail alongside Sweetwater Road from The Christmas Tree Farm to the Morrison's Pond Staging area.
3. Addition of Lodge pole fencing to prevent unauthorized trail access alongside Bonita road just to the East of the western gateway staging area.
4. Addition of trail user amenities at Morrison's Pond staging area, e.g. Horse round pen, picnic tables, BBQ grill, playground equipment, Portable restroom.
5. Addition of a Challenge course for hikers, horses and Mountain Bikers at Morrison's Pond Staging Area.
6. Addition of trail gate to prevent unauthorized trail usage at the Conduit road intersection with the Sweetwater River trail.
7. Additions of horse tie rails and a picnic table or bench at the new rest area at the top of Red Hill by the water tower.
8. Construction of the Sweetwater phase III trail from the Western Gateway Staging Area to the Willow Street Bridge. Additionally some trail footing maintenance is required in persistent muddy areas until actual trail construction is completed.

SR-125 mitigated some of the trails. Because they mitigated the switch-back trail leading to the bridge, and no one can work on it, it's in danger of disintegration when it rains again. They worked on the circular trail around Summit Park.

There is a movement to name the bridge by Sunnyside Stock Farm the Dave Phair Bridge.

Hopefully the Quarry Road loop will be completed to the Swap Meet.

Michael De La Rosa mentioned that SR-125 had not given money for that. That the Reservoir Loop was stalled by Sweetwater Authority people because the hill road was supposed to be used for maintenance only. SDG&E trail out to the power station is becoming a reality. There is a bikeway extension planned between the Western Gateway and Kaiser.

The Costal Conservancy wants the pathway but there is no funding at this time. However, the trail from Conduit to Ames Ranch is funded. Glen Abbey trail has been allowed but no construction is planned.

Motion: To accept Mark's report adding notes and deleting items #3 and 4 as written.

Motion: Georjean, second- Uwe. Unanimous

Item #5: Department of Parks and Recreation 5 year development program recommendations including recreation programming, play grounds, after school programs and cultural events. No one seems to know what they want.

Item #6: All-Way Stop Control at San Miguel Road and Conduit Road. Action item. Most residents are against it. Georjean and Uwe are against it. The traffic will get so heavy that people won't be able to get out of their driveways. Sheri mentioned that thought it would back traffic up, a police presence out there might help keep traffic

moving. Don S. told the story about the traffic calming measures finally taken for Corral Canyon and how it has helped not only calm but relieves traffic.

Motion: To approve the stop signs at Conduit and San Miguel Road. 8 ayes, 3 opposed, Harriet Taylor, Don and Georjean Jensen.

Item #7: Review letter to the County about maintaining Community Planning Groups. Action item.

John Reiss, who is a past President, stated that the County cannot in all honesty eliminate Planning and Sponsor groups because they are the watchdogs of the Supervisors. They can do anything from correct the language of a proposal to over seeing the proposal project to fruition. The elected officials of the non-profit volunteer organization are indemnified by their homeowner's insurance. The largest problem is the Brown Act. What people need to do to insure that they are fair, is to abscent themselves from any discussion and vote they might have a financial or personal interest in Motion: To send Supervisor Cox the letter to support Planning and Sponsor Groups with the following change: That the Planning Group is aware that they should give support to that organization should they be sued. James made motion. Don S. seconded. Unanimous.

Election Report: Karen Henry presented herself and outlined her qualifications to be on Planning Group. It turns out she can only be appointed to serve until December as the open seat was covered by an election application.

Motion to put a section on the agenda to address those who have missed more than three consecutive meetings without excuse. Made by John, seconded by Rick. Unanimous.

Item #11: Announcements

There will be public hearings on the 805 Corridor project. At Loma Verde 5-8PM Tuesday Sept 21, and another on Wednesday Sept 22, from 5-8PM

Chaparral Community Projects for Bonita Meadows Planning Group support Oct 1.

Rick objected item not on agenda and late. No letter no funding.

Meeting adjourned 8:55 PM

Next meeting: October 5, 2010 7PM, Bonita-Sunnyside Fire Station.

Respectfully submitted
Liz Stonehouse, Secretary.

